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FISHING LIMITS

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1. SWEDISH PRESS OF MARCH 29 REPORTED FIRST OFFICIAL SOVIET
REACTION TO SWEDISH PLANS TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS IN
BALTIC SEA TO MID-LINE. DEPUTY HEAD OF FOREIGN DIVISION OF
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SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTRY, VYACHESLAV SILANOV, IS QUOTED AS SAY-
ING THAT BALTIC FISHING SHOULD BE REGULATED BY INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT ON QUOTAS AND NOT BY UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF
FISHING LIMITS. QUOTE FAR TOO MANY COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED IN
ORDER TO BE ABLE TO REGULATE THE FISHING BY MEANS OF LIMITS.
ALL THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHIN THE FRAMWORK OF THE
GOANSK CONVENTION UNQUOTE SILANOV SAID.

2. PRESS NOTED THAT GDANSK CONVENTION ATTEMPTED LAST YEAR TO SET QUOTAS FOR BALTIC FISHING BUT THAT SWEDEN WAS UNWILLING TO SUBSCRIBE TO RECOMMENDATION, ALTHOUGH SIGNATORY, BECAUSE QUOTA ALLOTTED SWEDEN WAS CONSIDERED TOO SMALL.

3. SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE SWEDISH ARGUMENT THAT ITS WEST COAST FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN FORCED OUT OF NORTH SEA BY EXTENSION OF EC FISHING LIMITS. SILANOV REPORTEDLY STRESSED QUOTE YOU JUST CANNOT MOVE A PROBLEM FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER UNQUOTE. SILANOV ASSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING A SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATION. HE WAS UNWILLING TO COMMENT ON DISPUTED MID-LINE DELIMITATION OFF EAST COAST OF GOTLAND.

4. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BILL ON MARCH 28 REQUESTING AUTHORITY OF PARLIMENT TO EXTEND COUNTRY'S BALTIC FISHING LIMITS TO MID-LINE (SEE REF A). PRESS NOTICES SAY IT WAS MADE CLEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESENTATION OF THIS BILL THAT SWEDEN WOULD BEGIN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION ON BALTIC FISHING LIMITS ON APRIL 18 IN STOCKHOLM. THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TALKS WITH POLAND AND EAST GERMANY IN THAT ORDER. THE SWEDISH NEGOTIATING GROUP WILL BE HEADED BY HANS DANIELIUS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL DIVISION. PAPERS ASSERTED THAT NO NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY WITH EC COUNTRIES INVOLVED BECAUSE AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED BETWEEN SWEDEN AND EC ON FISHING RIGHTS IN NORTH SEA AND BALTIC (BUT SEE REF B).

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5. ON PAPER ASSERTED THAT STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT MORE THAN 1,000 FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS, CHIEFLY RUSSIAN AND EAST GERMAN, ARE CURRENTLY FISHING IN WHAT THE SWEDES WILL BE CLAIMING AS THEIR PART OF BALTIC SEA, AND ALSO THAT POLAND HAS EXPRESSED CRITICISM OF SWEDEN'S PLANS TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS.
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